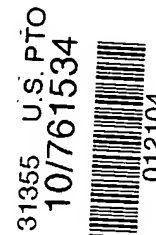




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The undersigned attorney of record, empowered to sign this Statement on behalf of the assignee, states that SONY CORPORATION, a Japanese corporation, is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor thereof. The assignment was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 26, 1998 at Reel 9266, Frame 0432 in application serial No.

09/043,359 now U.S. Patent No. 6,266,454 from which application serial No. 09/776,025 is a continuation thereof from which the present application is a continuation thereof.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

Respectfully submitted,

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of prior application serial no. 09/776,025, filed February 2, 2001,  
which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/043,359 filed May  
26, 1998 now U.S. Patent No. 6,266,454 which is a 371 of PCT/JP97/02481,  
filed 17 July 1997.

[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending  
applications, then in this amendment identify each and its relationship to its immediate  
predecessor.]

X The prior application is assigned of record to SONY CORPORATION.

The following are enclosed:

X Specification ( 87 pages)

X 30 Sheet(s) of Drawings

X 2 Claim(s) (including 2 independent claim(s))

     This application contains a multiple dependent claim

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- ☒ Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney  
New ☐ signed ☐ unsigned  
☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventors

☐ Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

Power of Attorney or Correspondence Address Change

☐ Power of attorney and/or correspondence address was changed during prosecution of the prior application. The new power of attorney is to William S. Frommer, Reg. No. 25,506 and Dennis M. Smid, Reg. No. 34,930. The new correspondence address is:

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- ☒ Incorporation by Reference (for continuation or divisional application)  
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- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
(Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
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- ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- ☒ Certified copy of each foreign priority application on which the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is based was filed in prior U.S. application serial no. 09/043,359, filed May 26, 1998. A list of said foreign priority application(s) is provided below. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

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